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FIELDHOUSE DEDICATION ATTRACTS ALUMNI

Windy City Grads Circle Dec. 30 On Calendars

MOTHERS, SISTERS, WIVES, GIRL FRIENDS WELCOME TO BANQUET

Chicagoans are making a red circle on their calendars around the date, Tuesday, December 30, because that is the night Cook County Alumni will have their third annual Christmas banquet. The Old Town Room of the Hotel Sherman will again be the scene of festivities when the former students of Chicago are hosts to the current crop of Cook County students.

There is an innovation this year in that the female of the species is welcome to the holiday celebration. Even the students, whose bills will be taken care of by alumni, are welcome to bring their mothers, sisters, or girl friends, providing that aforementioned students foot the bills of their guests.

Paul Kirchner, Vince Boeke, Chuck Quirk, Bosco Lear, Carl Schmidt and all others who are in any way connected with Christmas banquet arrangements promise that this affair will live up to the chapter's past traditions of "exceptional food and exceptional entertainment."

STATIONED AT FORT BLISS
EL PASO, Tex.—Leonard P. Reichlin, '35-'36, has been transferred from Fort Warren to Fort Bliss. As a member of the quartermaster detachment, he was recently promoted from salesman in the commissary to administrator of a warehouse. It is the duty of his department to provide non-perishable food stuffs for the 22,000 troopers that make up the Army's largest cavalry unit.

THEY OPEN FIELDHOUSE DOORS



BISHOP NOLL



FATHER DIRKSEN

A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAIGN, figuratively speaking—and only figuratively speaking—was broken across one of the fieldhouse buttresses when the dedicatory addresses were given by the Most Rev. John Francis Noll, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne, and the Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president of St. Joseph's College. The ceremony was held Monday night, December 8.

Alumni See Service In Pacific Ocean War Zone

WAR BULLETIN

According to reliable sources five alumni are seeing service in the Pacific war zone. However, no word has been received of them since the outbreak of hostilities.

The Rev. Lawrence Schmeider, '25-'26, is chaplain on the U. S. S. Pensacola. He has always directed that his mail be addressed to Pearl Harbor.

Lieutenant Commander Joseph H. Seyfried, '12-'16, is commander of the U. S. S. Bowditch, somewhere in the Pacific.

Three alumni from Decatur, Ill., Pvt. William C. Storey, of Casualty Detachment, 18th Air Base, Wheeler Field; Pvt. L. L. Bechler, of 11th Bombing group,

Hickman Field, and Pvt. Charles Sweet, 47th Pursuit Squadron F., Wheeler Field, attended St. Joseph's year before last.

In a letter, several months ago, Father Schmeider wrote, "Hawaii is probably the most beautiful spot in the world. If a person does not crave a lot of excitement and artificial entertainment, he can relax and enjoy himself on this isle of heavenly bliss. However many of the naval and military men and civilian workers find the fever of excitement so typical of the U. S. missing. That makes them unhappy. They are tuned to a feverish pitch and when they return to something of a normal life they immediately

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Talks Precede Pumas' Victory Over Wesleyan

BP. NOLL, FR. DIRKSEN, HIPSKIND AND MAYOR GIVE ADDRESSES

The colorful and impressive St. Joseph's College Fieldhouse dedication was witnessed by a near-capacity crowd, Monday night, December 8.

Three members of Rensselaer's American Legion Post, George Warden, Jack Miller and Earl Hemphill, opened the program with the presentation of colors. The audience joined with the St. Joseph's College band in rendering the National Anthem.

The Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., chairman of St. Joseph's Department of Physical Education, led the audience in a pledge of allegiance to the flag. The band, under direction of Prof. Paul Tonner, followed with Dedication Song.

Mayor Conrad Kellner, having been introduced by Father Roof, said that Rensselaer is proud of the new building, and of St. Joseph's, and of all the college stands for.

J. Henry Hipskind, of Fort Wayne, who was secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Association for twenty-five years and who is holding his second term as president of the organization, compared the St. Joseph's that he first knew to the one of today. He spoke of the college of the past as a boarding school of one building which housed dining hall, study hall, dormitories, class rooms, chapel, and infirmary. He concluded by extending congratulations, in the name of the alumni, to the Fathers of the Precious Blood for the great steps forward they have taken.

The Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen
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Sincerely Yours

Sir:

I was transferred here and arrived Saturday (Nov. 29). The division is out on maneuvers, but will return soon.

I would like for you to transfer my address on your books and send my publications here. I really enjoy them.

John C. Cashman, '29-'32
Co. K. Provisional,
114th Infantry,
Fort Dix, N. J.

Sir:

Will you change my address again? I started working for the government the first of the week.

Hal Judy, '32-'35,
1426 21st St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Here is something I would like for you to include in the next issue of CONTACT:

Henry Ebertshaeuser, Jr., '17-'23, of 5146 School Street, Chicago, died Saturday, Nov. 8, of a heart bloc at the age of 38. He is survived by his widow, Ruby, formerly of Birchwood, Wisc., and his son, Alfred, age 4.

George W. Bermes, '36-'38,
2348 Wilson Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Last Saturday (Nov. 29) Dr. Fred Follmar, '27-'31, took as his wife Bernice Bakemeyer, a registered nurse.

I was celebrant at the Nuptial High Mass.

Rev. George Heinzen, C.P.P.S., '31-'35,
St. Sebastian Rectory,
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Sir:

Woodford Moore, '35-'39, is at Quantico, Va., enrolled in an officers training course for the U. S. Marines.

He would like to hear from any former friends at St. Joseph's, and especially from members of his class.

James W. Moore,
Rushville, Ind.

COLLEGE DAZE

St. Joseph's College publications are becoming known for their brevity of name. For example, **Stuff** is the student newspaper; **Measure** is the student literary magazine; **Phase** is the yearbook, and **CONTACT** is the alumni publication. And now, to these we add, **Daze**, student humor magazine which makes its bow this month. The **Sanguinist**, religious bulletin, is the only campus publication with a name of three syllables.

Meet The Departments

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles written to acquaint the alumni with the various departments at St. Joseph's College).

It is amazing how many professions have their roots in the Department of Physical Science and Mathematics.

The divisions of that department—Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Geology, and Aviation—attract students interested in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, forestry, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, conservation, food inspection, public health work, architecture, electrical engineering, civil engineering, mining, veterinary, draftsmanship, and many other vocations too numerous to mention.

Under direction of the Rev. Clarence Kroeckel, C.P.P.S., eleven professors—the Revs. Rupert Landoll, Cyril Knue, Albert Wuest, Alfred Zanolar, Carl Nieset, John Baechle, Boniface Dreiling, Marcellus Dreiling, Clarence Schuerman, Norman Heckman and Bro. John Marling—have built up the department until it is one of the most popular on the campus.

Equipment is far above par. In Botany and Zoology each student has his own microscope, dissecting set, dissectoscope, and specimens. Complete charts, models, and skeletons are available for study. Individual equipment is likewise furnished in chemistry, physics, and mechanical drawing. The Geology lab is well stocked with specimens.

The scientists are housed in a new building with all new, modern equipment.

Father Kroeckel, chairman of the science group, said, "Our department is as well equipped as that in any college our size. And I do not think that I am exaggerating when I say that it has better equipment than that found in eighty per cent of the colleges our size."

Alumni, having finished their pre-professional training at St. Joseph's, are now in medical schools at St. Louis University, Loyola, University of Louisville, and Western Reserve. No student, recommended by Father Kroeckel, has ever been refused entrance into medical school.



Turn Back the Clock

BASKETBALL came into existence in 1891, the same year St. Joseph's College was founded. Seven years after the game was designed by Dr. James Naismith, at Springfield, Mass., it was introduced on the campus.

HOOPS were hung in the attic at the north end of the Administration Building and the game was born in Collegeville. After a short time, the court was moved into the basement of that building.

FIRST GAME with outsiders was played on March 3, 1906 when the Cardinal and Purple team met Company M, of Rensselaer, in the latter's armory.

ALUMNI who played in that first game and the former members of Company M team who can be located will be honored guests in the St. Joe Fieldhouse, Saturday night, February 21. The St. Joe-Chicago Teachers game that evening will be dedicated to the founder of basketball.

AT THE HALF, talks will be given by the timers, and students will stage a replica of the first basketball game using peach baskets and following the original rules.

The March, 1906, **Collegian** has this to say about the first game:

On March 3, the College Basket Ball team with several subs in the game met defeat at the hands of Co. M of Rensselaer at the latter's armory. Our players being accustomed to a large hall, were unable to shoot with accuracy, owing to the low ceiling. The work of the College guards was brilliant. Dobbins threw five of Co. M's goals. Score: Co. M. 13, S. J. C. 1. Referee, Sullivan. Positions: S. J. C. Gallagher, Pfeffer, forwards; Gribba, center; Bryan, Vonder Haar, guards. Co. M, Dobbins, Cohen, forward; Woodworth, center; Timmons, Comer, guards.

The second team under Capt. Pierce had no difficulty in defeating Co. M's second team on March 18 by a score of 26 to 6. They repeated the trick March 30, winning 26-6. The work of Pierce, Donahue and Graf was conspicuous.

We finished the Basketball season in a becoming manner by defeating Co. M in the gym on March 16, by a score of 17 to 6. In the first half S. J. C. played well on defense, but displayed a lack of team work on offense. The half ended with the score in Co. M's favor, 6-1. In the second, mainly through the individual work of Nageleisen and the guards, we scored 16 points to Co. M's 6 and won out.

S. J. C., Nageleisen, Pierce, forward; Gribba, center; Bryan, Garber, guards.

Co. M., Dobbins, Cohen, forwards; Woodworth, center; Comer, Chestnuts, guards. Referee, Weal; Umpire, Sullivan.

Have You A
CHRISTMAS GIFT
PROBLEM?
Why Not Give
Defense Bonds and Stamps
This Year

Bro. Vic Nears 33rd Milestone

Brother Victor Zuber, Collegeville mail carrier, will mark his eighty-third birthday January 13. He has lived on the campus for the past 48 years. A few months after coming to St. Joseph's Father Augustine Seifert received a commission as first postmaster of Collegeville, and Brother Victor began the mail-carrying duties that he has continued to the present.

WORKS FOR BENDIX

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Milton Bock, '29-'31, has a position with Bendix Products Corp., here. He was graduated from the School of Journalism at Notre Dame in '37. He worked for two years in the Mishawaka branch of the South Bend News-Times. The St. Joe alumnus was wed in September, '40.

DOCTOR IN CAMP

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—St. Joseph's first pre-med student to become an M. D. is Dr. George L. Rodman, '33-'35, of Bevier, Ky. Dr. Rodman is stationed at Billings Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison.

ALUMNI SEE SERVICE IN PACIFIC WAR ZONE

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start brooding.

"Hawaii is now a focal point of our defense scheme. Cameras are forbidden here. All photographic equipment has to be checked with the ship or shore authorities when in this vicinity. Quite a bit of the U. S. Navy is out here. All ship movements and ship destinations are incommunicable knowledge. Often there are sealed orders, which means not even the captain knows where he is going until he is well out to sea.

"Where we will be in the near future one can never tell. Probably no one knows. That will probably be dictated by the turn of events."

Joseph F. Sanislo, '26-'31, is with the Aviation Cadet Examining Board No. 1 which covers Ohio and Indiana for the Fifth Corps Area.

A Derry Merry Christmas

The Faculty of St. Joseph's College extends to the Alumni wishes of a Blessed Christmas and a New Year of Peace.

Alumnus Thieme Repeats Theme Of Prowess Of Father Bart, Prefect

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—C. C. Thieme, '19-'21, salesman for the Terre Haute Brewing Company, adds his voice to the chorus of alumni who praise the prowess of Father Bart as a prefect.

"One Sunday my family paid me a visit," began Alumnus Thieme. "Father Bart gave me permission to miss services that afternoon. We were sitting in the car parked along the drive, when I saw Father Albin come out of the main building and start for the smoking club situated in the gym.

"A few minutes later he returned, accompanied by Frenchy LaMair, Bob Boller, and Kremer Verhoeven, and Mel Conway. They had tried to skip services, but Father Bart, as he reviewed the student body marching to chapel, had missed them. For two weeks the above mentioned had to kneel in the middle of the center aisle every time we went to chapel.

"I have often wondered why Father Bart did not join the FBI. You just couldn't pull a fast one on him."

After leaving St. Joseph's, Mr. Thieme attended Purdue for two and one half years. Then he worked for several years as a projectionist in the motion picture theatres of Lafayette.

The mention of motion pictures reminded Mr. Thieme of those once-a-month visits to town during his student days. He said, "The old Princess theatre ran matinees only when the students came to town. We were permitted to smoke during the show. By the time the feature neared the end, the smoke had the figures on the screen looking very hazy."

In a more serious vein, the Lafayette alumnus said, "Many a time since leaving St. Joe I have been thankful for having the privilege of attending such a fine school. The religious training, education and discipline are mine to keep. No one can take them from me. May St. Joseph's grow bigger and better as the years roll by."

TAKES MARRIAGE VOW

LEBANON, O.—Paul Langan, '37-'38, of Lebanon, Ohio, wed Miss Marie Westerman, at 9 a. m., Saturday, October 18, in St. Joseph's Church, Elgin, Ill.

DEDICATION DRAWS ALUMNI TO FIELDHOUSE

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sen, C.P.P.S., president of St. Joseph's, thanked former students, many of whom were in the audience, for the fieldhouse which was financed by the alumni as their part in the college's Golden Jubilee celebration. He said, "We appreciate this building, not so much for the brick and stone that are in it, but for the loyalty of which it is a symbol."

Father Dirksen contrasted the security of the alumni attending the dedication with the insecurity of the alumni in service, several of whom he named, guarding the Pacific. He concluded by saying, "Let us dedicate this building not only to the love alumni hold for their alma mater, but also to the love they hold for their country."

The principal speaker, the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne, addressed the students when he explained how they, more than any one else, would be expected to rebuild society when the war is over. "No one will be better fitted for this task than the students now in college," Bishop Noll said, "especially students who are in colleges which take into consideration the spiritual as well as the physical."

Following the talks, the dedication game was played between Illinois Wesleyan University and St. Joseph's, and was won by St. Joseph's 40-32.

BACK IN CIVIL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—James L. Connor, '25-'30, has returned to his civil service position of rating examiner after having been dismissed from the Army at Fort Bliss, Tex., upon reaching his twenty-eighth birthday.

PUBLISHES MAGAZINE

A very interesting and very well done parish magazine called **Youth Speaks** is published monthly, under direction of the Rev. Earl Rausch, '28-'34, at St. Elizabeth's Church, Louisville.

THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

TWO VICTORIES and a defeat stand on the college record books to date. St. Joe started off on the wrong foot with a 45-3 loss to Illinois State Normal, but then got back into stride with a 37-35 victory over Chicago Teachers and a 40-32 victory over Illinois Wesleyan.

TWO MORE GAMES, James Millikin and St. Norbert, will have been played before this issue reaches your mailbox. Other games scheduled before the next issue of this paper are: Great Lakes Training Station, Dec. 18, at Hammond; Earlham Dec. 20, at Rensselaer; Toledo, Jan. 9, at Toledo; Indiana State, Jan. 12, at Terre Haute.

THE HIGH SCHOOL defeated Reynolds High 35-22 and Central Catholic of South Bend 25-24. The Cubs lost to Joliet Catholic 23-19; St. Ignatius, of Chicago, 33-24, and St. Mary's, of Anderson, 37-30.

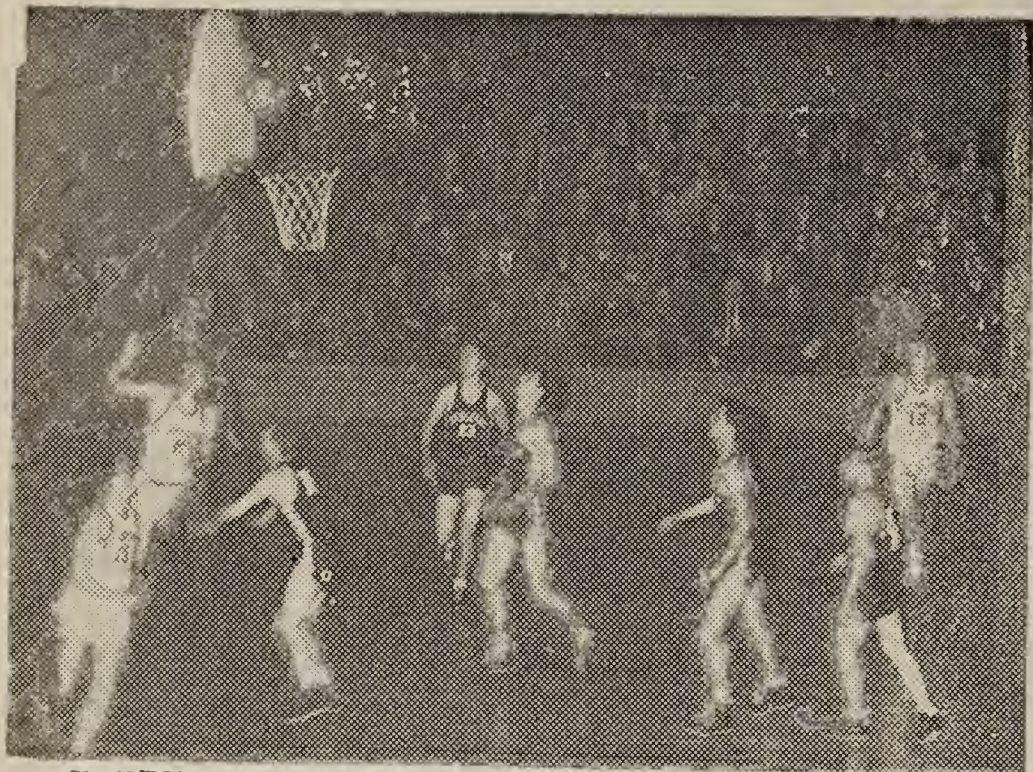
The remaining high school schedule:

Dec. 14	Mt. Carmel (Chi.)	H
Dec. 16	St. Philip (Chi.)	H
Dec. 20	Brook	T
Dec. 21	C. C. Ft. Wayne	T
Jan. 7	DeMotte	T
Jan. 11	South Bend Cath.	H
Jan. 13	Remington	T
Jan. 15	C. C. Hammond	H
Jan. 18	Joliet Cath.	H
Jan. 19	Goodland	H
Jan. 25	St. Paul (Odell)	T
Jan. 28	Huntington Cath.	T
Feb. 3	St. Thomas (Rock'd)	H
Feb. 7	Washington Cath.	H
Feb. 8	St. Paul (Odell)	H
Feb. 13	Hammond C. C.	T
Feb. 20	State Cath. Tourney.	

GETS PROMOTION

ZANESVILLE, O.—Heil A. Cain, '33-'35, who has been employed in the furniture and rug department of the local Montgomery Ward store for the past two years, has been promoted to the position of manager of the furniture and rug department of Ward's Xenia, Ohio, store.

Dedication Seen Through Candid Camera Lens



THERE WAS ACTION A PLENTY in the dedication game when the St. Joseph College Pumas defeated Illinois Wesleyan University 40-32. Although the Pumas were in front most of the way, the game started as a nip-and-tuck affair with St. Joe holding a 24-21 edge at the half. Bernie Hoffman, St. Joe forward, (at the extreme right of the picture) led all scoring with 14 points.



HOT DOGS with mustard go a long way toward making a good basketball game, according to Eddie Burns, '24-'27, president of the Indianapolis Alumni Chapter.



NOBODY KNOWS what Charles (Sarge) Biltz, Lafayette restaurateur and the Rev. John Baechle, C.P.P.S., '25-'30, were discussing, while Jerre Haugh, '18-'19, of Delphi, seemed so disinterested. The picture was taken in front of the fieldhouse during half time intermission.



TALKS at the dedication were interesting and to the point. Mayor Conrad Kellner, of Rensselaer, is shown at the microphone. In the background are the Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president of the college; the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne, and J. Henry Hipskind, president of the Alumni Association.



THE CROWD is shown as it stood for the singing of the National Anthem as dedication ceremonies got under way. A near-capacity audience, which included many alumni, was on hand for the opening of the ceremonies at 7:30 p. m. The game started at 8:30. Everything clicked off according to schedule and alumni who traveled from all parts of the midwest agreed that their trips were worthwhile.



THE BUBALA BROTHERS, Ben, '27-'31, and Ed, '32-'36, talked with many old friends. Ben lives in East Chicago; Ed is taking a post-graduate course at St. Joe.



FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY might be the title of this picture. Is the home team far ahead or far behind? It's hard to tell from the expression on the faces of the Revs. Joseph Seimet, '03-'06, Decatur, Ind.; Henry Barge, C.P.P.S., '25-'29, Centerville, Ind. and Edmund Guillozet, C.P.P.S., Collegeville, Ind.



TWO GUESTS and an alumnus are shown as they sipped coffee just inside the back door of the new building. Left to right, A. M. Strauss, of Fort Wayne, architect for the fieldhouse, Noll, Xavier and Seifert halls; Fred Hipskind, of Fort Wayne, and J. Henry Hipskind, president of the Alumni Association.